

Banking and Finance

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COMPARATIVE statement of condition of the Central Bank:

ASSETS	As of	As of	As of	As of
	Dec. 31 1949	March 31 1951	April 27 1951	May 31 1951
	in thousand of Pesos			
International Reserve..	₱460,689	₱579,119	₱583,098	₱ 561,326
Contribution to International Monetary Fund.....	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Account to Secure Coinage.....	113,306	107,570	107,570	107,570
Loans and Advances.....	77,047	55,863	47,338	18,645
Domestic Securities.....	92,197	163,088	163,197	234,959
Trust Account—Securities Stabilization Fund.....	—	6,848	6,848	6,848
Other Assets.....	20,390	56,562	61,208	59,982
	<u>₱793,629</u>	<u>₱999,050</u>	<u>₱999,258</u>	<u>₱1,019,330</u>
LIABILITIES				
Currency—Notes.....	₱555,576	₱664,360	₱671,052	₱ 656,523
Coins.....	74,384	92,680	93,735	93,722
Demand Deposits—Pesos.....	117,682	194,213	173,224	203,478
Securities Stabilization.....	2,000	6,848	6,848	6,848
Due to International Monetary Fund.....	22,498	497	499	496
Due to International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.....	2,389	2,383	2,383	2,383
Other Liabilities.....	2,636	21,275	33,671	36,966
Capital.....	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Undivided Profits.....	6,464	3,105	4,157	5,225
Surplus.....	—	3,689	3,689	3,689
	<u>₱793,629</u>	<u>₱999,050</u>	<u>₱999,258</u>	<u>₱1,019,330</u>

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Forward Exchange Sold. ₱ 6,460 — — —

INTERNATIONAL reserves held by the Central Bank decreased by ₱21,772,000 during the month. However, the foreign exchange holdings by other banks increased sufficiently in the same period so that total dollar international reserves at end of May were ₱393,000,000 as compared to ₱382,000,000 at end of April. This compares with a total dollar position of ₱260,000,000 when the Central Bank instituted exchange control in December, 1949.

Loans and advances were down ₱28,693,000 due to the repayment of loans by Philippine banks and the reduction in the Treasury's overdraft.

Domestic securities are up ₱71,762,000 because of further advances of ₱73,000,000 to the Philippine Government secured by Rehabilitation and Development Bonds. Total advances to the Government are now said to be around ₱187,000,000 secured by Rehabilitation and Development Bonds and ₱47,000,000 secured by Rehabilitation Finance Corporation Bonds.

The past few weeks have witnessed a sharp reversal of the easy money conditions which have prevailed the past year, this having been caused by the comparative flood of import licenses released to merchants in recent weeks. Interest rates are firm but have not yet been revised upward. Demand for credit is keen and it is reported that banks are pretty well loaned up.

The issuance of subsidiary paper notes has alleviated the severe coin shortage that has existed for some time. One- and five-centavo pieces (coins) are coming back to

the banks for the first time in months. Silver coins are still difficult to get and have been practically replaced by paper notes.

The Security Bank and Trust Company, the latest addition to Manila's banking institutions, opened for business on June 18. It occupies the ground floor of the Consolidated Investment Building on Plaza Gotti. The President of the bank is Mr. Alfonso Calalang, well known banker, who was until recently Deputy Governor of the Central Bank.

The Central Bank has announced that the Saturday closing of Manila banks, which originally extended from April 1 to June 15, will be continued until further notice.

Manila Stock Market

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May 19 to June 15

THERE has been an accentuation of disinflationary factors during the past month. The continuing overall improvement in the country's economy has permitted a liberalization in the Government's import policy and local merchants are now engaged in a large restocking program. Following as it does upon the first installment of income-tax payments, this will absorb additional large amounts of idle funds in banks and further assist in removing inflationary pressures.

In sympathy with the foregoing, there has been a substantial decline in the local market price for gold which is quoted today at approximately ₱111 per fine ounce compared to ₱145 nominal four weeks ago. At today's price level, indications are that demand for the metal is considerable.

Apart from Surigao Consolidated which has moved against the trend as a result of its high production for May, also good mine-development results, other gold and base metal mining issues have followed the deflationary tendency referred to.

Unlike the mining shares, however, prices of leading commercial and industrial securities have ruled firm during the month. This largely reflects genuine investment funds, partly from institutional sources, seeking employment for income purposes.

MINING SHARES

1950-51 High	Range Low	M. S. E. Mining Share Average	High				Total Sales
			High	Low	Close	Change	
126.83	61.71	100.68	91.73	91.99	6.13	5,855,709	
.295	.09	—	—	—	—	—	
.06	.012	.24	.19	.208	Off .05	120,000	
.66	.25	.06	.05	.0525	Up .0025	334,100	
.13	.04	.285	.25	.25	Off .04	211,600	
3.50	1.78	.1125	.1025	.1025	Off .0175	240,000	
.0051	.0027	—	—	—	2.008	—	
5.30	2.50	.0031	.003	.003	Off .0005	256,000	
.085	.012	4.50	4.30	4.30	Off .20	22,310	
.017	.0078	.07	.06	.06	Off .01	40,000	
.25	.08	.017	.0135	.0135	Off .0005	2,720,000	
.135	.042	.175	.16	.16	Off .035	30,000	
.08	.025	.115	.1025	.1025	Off .0075	285,000	
.90	.17	.042	.035	.042	Up .002	33,333	
.05	.016	.67	.62	.62	Off .02	336,000	
.455	.205	.032	.03	.03	Off .001	85,000	
.20	.01	.35	.315	.315	Off .03	486,000	
.09	.06	.014	.014	.014	—	55,000	
.27	.14	—	—	—	.098	—	
.345	.12	.17	.17	.17	Off .035	17,000	
.038	.01	.295	.26	.28	Up .025	304,500	
.10	.045	—	—	—	.03a	—	
		.0725	.07	.07	Off .0025	100,000	

1950-51 Range		COMMERCIAL SHARES				Change	Total Sales
High	Low	High	Low	Close			
712.00	78.00	Bank of the Philippine Islands	122.00	122.00	123.00b ¹	Up 3.00	42
—	—	Bago-Medellin Milling Co.	—	—	7.00b	—	—
90.00	55.00	Central Azucarera de Basa	90.00	90.00	90.00	—	1,240
209.00	118.00	Central Azucarera de la Carlota	170.00	170.00	170.00	Up 5.00	250
135.00	90.00	Central Azucarera del Pilar	—	—	100.00b	—	—
40.00	20.00	Central Azucarera de Tarlac	—	—	28.00b	—	—
235.00	189.00	China Banking Corporation	—	—	230.00b	—	—
27.00	27.00	Filipinas Cie. de Seguros	—	—	28.00a	—	—
—	—	Insular Life Assurance Co.	—	—	5.50b	—	—
1.00	.35	Manila Broadcasting Co.	—	—	.32a	—	—
3.80	2.00	Manila Wine Merchants, Inc.	—	—	.340b	—	—
.18	.18	Marsman & Co. Inc. Common	—	—	.20a	—	—
.40	.25	Marsman & Co. Inc. Pfd.	—	—	.25a	—	—
.10	.085	Mayon Metal	.10	.10	.10	Up .015	20,000
.14	.085	Mayon Metal 7% Preferred	.10	.10	.10	Up .015	30,000
103.00	100.00	Meralco 6-1/2%	—	—	103.00b	—	—
150.00	135.00	Metropolitan Insurance Co.	—	—	150.00b	—	—
.75	.30	Pampanga Bus Company	.50	.50	.50	Off .05	3,117
—	—	Peoples Bank & Trust Co.	—	—	65.00b	—	—
27.50	25.00	Philippine Guaranty Co. Inc.	—	—	26.50b	—	—
.1075	.012	Philippine Oil Dev. Co. Inc.	.012	.012	.012	—	100,000
1.46	1.20	Philippine Racine Club, Inc.	1.46	1.44	1.44	—	15,000
38.00	25.50	San Miguel Brewery Common	35.00	33.50	35.00	Up 1.50	9,138
100.00	94.00	San Miguel Brewery 7% Pfd.	100.00	100.00	100.00	—	250
105.00	100.00	San Miguel Brewery 8% Pfd.	105.00	103.00	105.00	Up 2.00	285
16.00	16.00	Universal Insurance & Indemnity Co.	—	—	16.00b	—	—
8.50	6.00	Williams Equipment Co. Common	7.00	7.00	7.00	—	544

OVER THE COUNTER

	High	Low	Close	Total Sales
Amalgamated Minerals	P. 04	P. 04	P. 04	15,000
Demonstration Gold Mines	.01	.01	.01	15,000
Jai Alai Corp. of the Phil.	4.00	4.00	4.00	527
Nielson & Co., Inc.	.01	.01	.01	60,000
Philippine Air Lines	7.50	7.50	7.50	125
Philippine American Drug Co.	165.00	165.00	165.00	71
Philippine Iron Mines, Inc. Common	65.00	65.00	65.00	9
Victoria Milling Co. Inc.	190.00	178.00(*)	178.00(*)	169

(*) Ex-Dividend

Electric Power Production

(Manila Electric Company System)

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1941 Average—15,316,000 KWH

KILOWATT HOURS

	1951	1950
January	40,713,000	37,661,000
February	37,066,000	33,828,000
March	40,117,000	38,107,000
April	39,197,000	35,378,000
May	40,405,000*	37,611,000
June	40,810,000**	37,529,000
July	—	38,774,000
August	—	39,872,000
September	—	38,791,000
October	—	40,657,000
November	—	39,268,000
December	—	41,099,000
Total	—	458,576,000

*Revised

**Partially estimated

Output in June increased substantially. Despite one less day June exceeded the May output and was the highest month this year. The increase over June, 1950, was 3,281,000 kwh, or 8.7%.

It seems probable that a new output record will be set in July.

Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE sales in the Greater Manila area registered during the month of June numbered 651, with a total value of ₱6,601,585, as compared with 688, with a total value of ₱6,306,233, registered during the preceding month of May.

Of the June total, 172, with a total value of ₱2,793,341, represented deals within Manila proper, while 479 sales, with a total value of ₱3,808,244, were sales within the cities of Quezon and Pasay, and in the suburban towns of Caloocan, Makati, Malabon-Navotas, Mandaluyon, Parañaque, and San Juan.

Among the bigger sales registered during the month in the cities of Manila, Quezon, and Pasay and in the suburban towns were:

The transfer, at a consideration of ₱381,600, by Alfonso Tusson to the corporate name of Alfonso Tusson & Sons, Inc., of his properties in San Miguel and Sampaloc.

A property comprising several parcels of land on España Street, Sampaloc, sold by Rafael Rocas to United Realty Corporation for the sum of ₱281,297.88;

The Marsman residence at Robert and William Streets, Pasay City, with a lot of 4,851 square meters, sold by Mary A. Marsman to Metropolitan Enterprises, Inc. for ₱255,000;

A property with a lot of 26,651 square meters on Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong, sold by Julia Vargas Vda. de Ortigas to Maria Suarez for ₱210,000, or nearly ₱8 per square meter;

A property with a lot of 12,446 square meters on F. B. Harrison Street, Pasay City, sold by Simon R. Paterno to the Intestate Estate of S. de Madrigal for ₱186,700, or about ₱15 per square meter;

A parcel of 3,695 square meters on Isaac Peral Street, Paco, sold by Cia. General de Tabacos to Philippine Guaranty Co., Inc., for ₱166,275, or ₱45 per square meter;

A property with a lot of 3,070 square meters in San Felipe Neri sold by George Edward Koster, Inc. to San Miguel Brewery, Inc. for ₱156,900;

A property with a lot of 3,691.2 square meters on Inverness Street, Sta. Ana, sold by Stewart Tait to Rattan Arts and Decorations, Inc., for ₱104,400.

A property with a lot of 885 square meters at Donada, corner Menlo Streets, Pasay City, sold by Vicenta A. Garcia to Guia S. Jose de Bayer for ₱100,000; and

A tract of 499,600 square meters in Caloocan sold by Oscar L. Uy to Aurora Aquino for ₱100,000.

Real estate mortgages registered in the Greater Manila area during the month of June, 1951, numbered 409, with a total value of ₱11,800,888, as compared with 405, with a total value of ₱6,508,347, registered during the month of May.

Of the June total, 151, with a total value of ₱4,215,944, represented deals within Manila proper, and 258, with a total value of ₱7,584,944, represented deals within the cities of Quezon, Pasay, and in the suburban towns above mentioned.

Of the June mortgages, the biggest transaction was that executed by Peoples Homesite and Housing Corporation in favor of the Government Service Insurance System for ₱4,000,000.

REAL ESTATE SALES

(January to June, 1951)

	Manila	Quezon City	Pasay City	Suburbs	Total
January	₱4,466,475	₱1,267,690	₱743,346	₱1,453,264	₱7,939,775
February	3,549,050	3,775,341	709,598	1,411,773	8,445,762
March	4,562,104	1,698,970	645,878	1,814,525	8,721,477
April	5,272,052	1,178,036	487,954	1,738,654	8,676,696
May	2,586,055	1,394,514	819,779	1,505,885	6,306,233
June	2,793,341	1,435,895	578,954	1,793,395	6,601,585

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES

(From January to June, 1951)

January	₱2,105,660	₱490,457	₱272,300	₱1,051,546	₱3,919,903
February	5,636,640	1,106,948	869,100	1,722,790	8,334,848
March	3,817,877	1,373,880	245,760	1,970,627	7,408,114
April	3,140,154	902,932	188,750	1,057,926	5,289,762
May	3,753,891	1,150,614	372,032	1,231,810	6,508,347
June	4,215,944	1,584,350	869,144	1,531,450	11,800,888